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ance of the Times in drawing attention to the position is, therefore, very welcome. Something must be done—by what means, perhaps, we might not know ourselves as closely in agreement with the Times, if it means, as the Foreign Office seems to indicate, that the Foreign Office or the Minister is to canvas for contracts. That subject was discussed some years ago, and although there was at the time, as there is now, some alarm felt at the activity of the representatives of other powers at Peking in soliciting orders from the Chinese Government for their nationals, it came to be felt afterwards that it would be inadvisable for the British Minister to demand his country by following their example. People who do dirty work do it for what they can make by it, but in the long run clean business pays best. What the British Government should do, therefore, is not to solicit orders for British firms and to being pressure to bear in order to get them, but to prevent China succumbing to such pressure from other quarters and to secure a fair field for British enterprise. Russia and France, with the doubtful concurrence of Germany, have entered into a compact for the undermining of British trade in China, not by ordinary commercial competition, but by diplomatic and political influence. Russia, with the assistance of her allies, saved the Liaoning Peninsula, nominally for China, really for herself, as will be seen in the course of a few years, but for the present the territory remains Chinese, and in return for her services Russia demanded the negotiation of the Chinese loan and no one knows what other advantages besides. At the close of the Franco-Chinese war France tried to secure for herself the exclusive claim to any orders for railways that China might have to give. It ended in an agreement that when China shall have decided to construct railways she shall have recourse to French industry, but that "this claim shall not be looked upon as constituting an exclusive privilege in favour of France." The clause is perhaps less absurd than it looks, for it may be construed as at least securing for France a right to tender. It might not be a bad thing if a similar clause were introduced into the British treaty, not with reference to railways only, but in reference to all financial and industrial matters in which China may have occasion to seek foreign assistance. A fair field and no favour is all that British merchants and manufacturers ask for; that they are entitled, and it is the duty of the British Government to see that they get it and are not prejudiced by exclusive privileges being granted to the subjects of other powers.

The *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday last.

The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on 27th inst. at 4 p.m.

It is stated that the Japanese in Siam are to be placed under French consular protection.

A Government notification in reference to mezzanine floors will be found in our advertisement columns.

Mr. Ayrton has taken over charge of the British Consulate at Tientsin, and Mr. L. C. 21st and 23rd September, England, Scotland, and 13th runs.

The question of the construction of a harbour for Tokyo is engaging the serious attention of the Tokyo City Improvement Commission. A special committee of investigation has just been nominated.

The *Japan Gazette* of the 18th September says:—We are glad to learn that H.I.H. Crown Prince is progressing favourably. His Government has now nearly recovered all the capital he has lost, and it is said that the Prince will proceed to the country to recruit his health as soon as his condition permits.

The death of Mr. F. B. Aubert, which occurred in the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 23rd September, after a short illness, will, the *China Gazette* says, be deeply regretted in official circles, as a better and more thorough-going man than Mr. Aubert never came to Shanghai. He had been in Shanghai for 23 years, during which he made innumerable friends, and his death was a great loss to the community. His funeral on the 24th was very largely attended.

The birthday of His Majesty King Carlos I. of Portugal was celebrated on Saturday by the Portuguese community of this city. During the afternoon Mr. Romano, the Consul General for Portugal, held a reception at his residence "Duarte," which was attended by several members of the community and a good number of the Portuguese residents. In the evening there was a dinner at the Club Lusitano, presided over by Mr. Romano as President of that institution. The festive of the building was nicely illuminated by gas, but the effect was somewhat marred by the heavy rain.

Thus the *Japan Mail*—"Great Britain has at her command many valuable agents upon the standard of local Oriental criticism. All are fond of war when weighed in the balance by the illustrations published that occupy editorial columns in the Far East, and it must be a satisfaction to Sir Nicholas G. O'Connor to reflect that the signal promotion conferred on him by his Government not only benefits his reputation and his pocket, but also serves him to a sphere where his talents and his energy will be most effectively and profitably employed. It is clear now that the statement telegraphed out by Reuter that the punishment of the Viceroy of Fuhkien had been demanded was a mistake and that, as we suggested at the time, it was merely the already disgraced ex-Viceroy of Szechuan that was meant. Liu is in disgrace with his own Government, for conduct quite independent of and anterior to the Szechuan riots, and for the foreign powers to ask for his punishment would be to ask for something like substantial reparation for the atrocities that have taken place through his neglect; but we do not believe that any such demand has been preferred or that the criminality of the high officials in Fuhkien has yet been thoroughly recognised by Lord Salisbury, who is rather disposed to yield to Sir Halliday Macartney's blandishments and accept the view that the Chinese Government really and honestly deplores the outrages. Hence it is important that pressure should be brought to bear on the Foreign Office to open its eyes to the real position in China and the necessity for vigorous action all along the line.

The commercial interests of Great Britain are suffering, as the safety of the persons of foreigners is being jeopardised, by the decadence of British influence and prestige at Peking. The powerful mis-

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Danish steamer, 335. Storm, Sept. 24,  
R. Marty.  
British steamer, 540, Moars, Sept. 29,  
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British str., 1836, Madras, Sept. 23,  
O. S. N. Co  
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Dodd & Swire  
Marr, Jap. str., 1885, Asai, Sept. 22,  
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British str., 1905, Nichols, Sept. 23,  
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British str., 1767, Filmer, Sept. 23,  
B. Kappa  
Italian str., 1496, Dodero, Sept. 23,  
O. S. N. Co  
British str., 2265, Peters, Sept. 23,  
O. S. N. Co  
British str., 1110, Ferris, Sept. 23,  
Edwards, Matheson & Co  
Chinese, British str., 1837, Sinocek.  
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L. Wagnere & Co  
Chinese, Brit. str., 1057, Perkes, Sept. 5,  
Nan Fat Hong  
British steamer, Sept. 23,  
O. S. N. Co

tterfield, & Swire  
 of Japan, British str., 5,904, G. A. Lee,  
 pt. 17, C. P. R. Co.  
 a, British str., 1,425, R. L. Wight, II.,  
 & H. Stowman,  
 British str., 674, Davis, Sept. 29,  
 & Douglas Lapraik & Co.  
 Danish steamer, 397, Strazad, Sept. 28,  
 R. Marty  
 Mulloch, Brit. str., 1,434, Pithie, Sept. 29,  
 Gordon, Matheson & Co.  
 British steamer, 2,325, Orr, Sept. 24,  
 G. Cuth &  
 & Co., British str., 2,235, Dick, Butterfield &  
 Swire, for Canton  
 French str., 732, Chiodak, Sept. 28,  
 R. Marty  
 & Hickman, German str., 2,608, Reibel

ran, British str., 1,034, W. E. Clarke,  
 C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Mac-  
 collen, Ger. str., 2,003, Walter, Sept. 16.  
 rchers & Co.  
 ran, British str., 1,344, G. B. Ledwonn, H.  
 & A. N. Steamboat Co., for Cant-  
 1, German steamer, 984, Peters, Sept. 22.  
 rhinese  
 r Christiansen, Norw. str., 1,035, Hanson,  
 Sept. 27, Orford  
 ruba, Ger. str., 3,450, Wotton, Sept. 23.  
 rchers & Co.  
 rch, German str., 1,600, Forck, Sept. 27.  
 r & Co.  
 r, Chinese str., 1,505, Lincoln, Sept. 28.  
 r M. S. N. Co.  
 ra British str., 2,731, Haddock, Sept. 28.  
 r C. S. N. Co.

J. Standard Oil Co.  
 at Lebanon, British str. 1,355, Hendry,  
 Sept. 20, Order  
 hang, Brit. str. 1,062, Finlayson, Sept. 25,  
 Butterfield & Swire  
 at Canton, New str. 844, Sorenson, Sept. 29,  
 Chinese  
 Sorenson; German str. 1,058, Lehmann; Sept.  
 28, Siemssen & Co.  
 British steamer, 244, Chinese, for Canton  
 an. British str. 1,762, Wright, Sept. 25,  
 Glegg, Livingston &  
 A. & C. str. 3,623, Friesl, Sept. 28, P. M.  
 S. S. Co.  
 Nanp, Brit. str. 1,021, Walter, Sept. 29,  
 Butterfield & Swire

German steamer, 576, Habs, Sept. 27,  
 Molchers & Co.  
 British steamer, 1,842, S. W. Geggins, H.  
 & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton  
 1. British steamer, 982, Messer, Sept. 27,  
 Bradley & Co.  
 German str. rt s, 1,215, Dins, Sept. 24,  
 Siemens & Co.  
 SAILING VESSELS.  
 n W. Spas. Amr-bark, 1,171, Field, Aug.  
 23, Order  
 Swedish bark, 1,522, MacDonald,  
 Sept. 13, Wier & Co.  
 Swedish bark, British ship, 1,764, Trafty,  
 Sept. 21, Reut. & Brockmann & Co.  
 British ship, 2,574, Shimmins,  
 7, Standard Oil Co.  
 P. Litchfield, Amr-bk, 1,042, Chadbourne,  
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F. Menden, Amr. bark, 1,358, Clark, July  
30, Chinese  
m., Italian bark, 336, Andersen, Sept. 11,  
V. P. Messo  
y, British bark, 803, Hard, Sept. 23, Butter-  
field & Swire  
bar, Fulian bark, 908, Casapara, Aug. 27,  
Chinese bark, 1,358, Andersen, Sept. 11,  
Thursch, British s.s. m. ship, 2,294, Martin,  
Aug. 23: Gibb, Livingston & Co  
Shua Shin, Chinese s.m. sch. 368, Cheang  
Sung, Aug. 21, Chinese.  
V. Blanchard, Amr. bark, 1,503, Blanchard,  
Aug. 23, Jensen &  
Co, French ste, 563, Albury, Sept. 26,  
Viollet & Co

undering Jew, Amr. ship, 1,650, Tripp, Sept. 17, Captain  
Le Lachour, British bark, 575, Meddox, Sept. 14, Chinese  
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Sey, German steamer, 668, Wulff, Sept. 14.  
H. A. Petersen & Co.  
test, British bark, 480, Soderman, Sept. 12.  
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manded, Norw. bark, 347, Petterson, Sept. 11.  
Pasadag & Co.  
KOBÉ.  
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Amor, British str, 1,685, Ni holla, Sept. 17.  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha  
undering, British str, 1,453, Wallace, Sept. 10.  
Cripps & Co.

London, British ship, 1877, Porter, Sept. 18,  
 Doodwell, Carrell & Co.  
 Edinburgh, British ship, 2,613, Roberts, Aug.  
 3, Standard Oil Co.  
 A. British ship, 3,000, Mathias, Sept. 18,  
 Nippon Yusen Kaisha  
 Oahu, Nov. 2, 1960, Christie, Sept. 13,  
 Simons, Evers & Co.  
 Captain, Am. ship, 1,482, Humphrey, July  
 15, Pelcemp & Co.  
 Small, Brit. ship, 1,281, McGregor, Sept. 19,  
 Samuel Seznec & Co.  
 Schoep, Am. ship, 1,776, Kendall, July 20,  
 Otto Reimers & Co.  
 Erik Jensen, Gar. str. 1807, Mathiesen, Sept.  
 18, Simons, Evers & Co.  
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 Nippon Yusen Kaisha  
 Captain, British ship, 1,411, Peck, Sept. 9,

Sennett & Co  
Sary, British steamer, 713, Bond, Aug. 27.  
Doddrell, Carill & Co  
Santha, British bark, 2,311, Crowe, July 7.  
Standard Oil Co  
Soren, Norw. str., 1,114, Tollefsen, Sept. 17.  
Fabex & Voigt  
Kutadval, British str., 1,709, Cormack, Sept. 14.  
Doddrell, Carill & Co  
Sthoven, British str., 888, Cormack, Sept. 1.  
Doddrell, Carill & Co  
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Narva, Norwegian str., 1,200, Wold, Sept. 15.  
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YOKOHAMA.

J. American sch. 74, Petersen, Captain  
 meralda, British sch., 97, Harrison, Aug. 12.  
 Jerdine, Matheson & Co.  
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 Jethon, Matheson & Co.  
 Jiggs, Ger. sch., 1,400, Oestmann, Sept. 19.  
 H. Ahrens & Co.  
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 Johnston, Matheson & Co.  
 Jusholt, British sch., 2,240, Jones, Sept. 18.  
 Jurdine, Matheson & Co.  
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 S. Fisher  
 Bourque, Fr. sch., 2,640, Heardon, Sept. 18.  
 J. Phillips, Brit. sch., 1,723, Gray, Sept. 17.  
 Dowdall, Carilli & Co.  
 Juvencu, British sch., 1,945, Street, Sept. 18.

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Samuel, Samuel & Co  
Suez, British str., 1,433, Aug. 17, Dod-  
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